

Bosnians by the United Nations Security Council.

Over this period, innocent Zepa residents lived under constant threat, both of the near constant artillery fire and from the rampant starvation and disease that arose from squalid living conditions. Thousands lost their lives and countless others were injured during the three year siege until finally, on July 25, 1995, the town fell to paramilitary forces and the remaining residents were killed or forcefully expelled from their homes.

On this heartbreaking anniversary, it is clear that atrocities and genocide should never be permitted to continue unfettered. In remembering the innocent victims of Zepa, I believe that the United States, together with the United Nations and our allies around the world, must reaffirm its commitment to ceaselessly pursue the perpetrators of these terrible war crimes. The international community must come together to not only remember the innocent victims of this massacre, but to also redouble its pursuit of lasting peace and security in some of the world's most volatile regions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. REICHERT. On Thursday, July 23, 2009, I intended to vote "nay" on rollcall vote No. 616 to enable the resolution to be considered on the House floor.

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 23, 2009

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3288) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes:

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

This bill makes investments to improve transportation, housing, and critical national infrastructure, and, at least as critically, it is a jobs bill. H.R. 3288 builds on the work of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to create jobs and bolster our flagging economy. Unemployment rates across the country are reaching record highs, with my state of North Carolina at an average of 11.1 percent. New construction and renovation in transportation infrastructure and housing initiatives can provide thousands of desperately needed jobs. Every \$1 billion of federal investments in highways creates an estimated 34,800 jobs.

This bill provides a substantial increase in funding to repair and expand our Nation's

aging infrastructure. Our transportation infrastructure provides the means to move goods and products; making it essential to the health of our larger economy as well as to the safety of every American traveler. H.R. 3288 provides \$41.1 billion to improve and repair our nation's highways, increases funding for the next generation of high speed rail, and includes \$3.5 billion for airport modernization and safety grants and \$2.9 billion to modernize the Federal Aviation Administration's air traffic control system.

H.R. 3288 also provides critical funding in the housing sector and invests in local communities, including those in rural America. Under this bill, there are more housing resources available for low income families, veterans, the elderly, and disabled individuals, including capital, operating funds, and counseling services. This bill also increases funding for Community Development Block Grants, HOPE VI grants, and brownfields redevelopment.

This appropriations bill fully funds our most important transportation and housing priorities. I support H.R. 3288, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010 and I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for its passage.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. J. RANDY FORBES

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mr. FORBES. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3293, the Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters Health System

Address of Requesting Entity: 500 Discovery Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia 23320 USA

Description of Request: Provides \$200,000 to assist in the building of a centralized multi-specialty children's health center in the Norfolk, Virginia area. Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters Health System (CHKD) is the only freestanding children's hospital in the Commonwealth and the region's sole source of exclusively pediatric inpatient and outpatient care. As such, it furthers HRSA's mission of promoting access to vital health services. The current, scattered CHKD locations create access concerns due to the fragmentation of the services. CHKD will build a permanent home in Chesapeake to house outpatient services, and the center will serve the growing pediatric population and expansive geography that are the hallmarks of the region.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)—Health Facilities and Services

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Hopewell, Virginia

Address of Requesting Entity: 300 N. Main Street, Hopewell, Virginia 23860 USA

Description of Request: Provides \$257,000 to consolidate multiple city social services agencies into one building to reduce costs.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)—Substance Abuse Treatment

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Chesterfield County, Virginia

Address of Requesting Entity: 9901 Lori Road, Chesterfield, Virginia 23832 USA

Description of Request: Provides \$143,000 to support the Dual Treatment Track (DTT), which is a pretrial diversion program for non-violent defendants that suffer from both a mental illness and substance abuse addiction (federally defined as a vulnerable population). The program uses "best practice" models to divert individuals from the local jail who are of minimal threat to the community, yet in serious need of both substance abuse and mental health services. The DTT program provides benefits for everyone involved in the criminal justice and mental health systems. It reduces the burden of specialized care that the jail is forced to provide. It gives the court a new tool in dealing with a population that is traditionally difficult to effectively sentence.

Requesting Member: Congressman J. RANDY FORBES

Bill Number: H.R. 3293

Account: Employment and Training Administration (ETA)—Training & Employment Services (TES)

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: City of Chesapeake, Virginia

Address of Requesting Entity: 306 Cedar Road, Chesapeake, Virginia 23322 USA

Description of Request: Provides \$250,000 to create a community service model for increasing citizen accessibility to workforce training and education resources. This initiative would form a partnership with Chesapeake Library, Economic Development, and Social Services, Tidewater Community College, Opportunity, Inc., and Chesapeake Adult Continuing Education to provide training and education resources to citizens in an effort to help them secure employment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 24, 2009

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I missed 22 votes. Had I been present, I would have voted as follows.

Rollcall No. 616, on the Motion to Table Appeal of the Ruling of the Chair, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 617, on Agreeing to the Resolution H. Res. 669, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 618, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 566, I would have voted "yea."

Rollcall No. 619, on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 350, I would have voted "yea."